

Academic Policy Committee

Minutes

December 1, 2022

Present: Kevin Cain, Kenneth Lang, Larry Baker, Chris Cosner, Brian Perkins, Amanda Chapman, Jeremy Keene, Tim Konhaus, Nicole Hopkins, Cheyenne Moore

Absent: Gary Morris

Guests: Ann Reed, Trae Sprague

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Keene motioned to approve the November 10th minutes, Mr. Cosner seconded. Dr. Lang, Dr. Cain and Mr. Baker abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

Loan Default Information – Trae Sprague

- Mr. Sprague attended the meeting to go over loan default rate information (more information is attached to these minutes)
- Loan default is the failure to make payment for 200 days, after not returning to classes
- Students on suspension are the biggest reason for loan default
- 109 students responded to a survey about why they weren't returning to GSU
 - Most students are either going home, or transferring to another institution
 - Bad performance is the biggest reason students don't come back. Bad performance also causes students to lose loan and scholarship funds
- Students need more support
- GSU recently had a 7% default rate, but this is mostly due to loan payment forgiveness
- Most of the students defaulting have not graduated

Admission Standards

- There is no state mandate stating GSU has to be open enrollment
- Dr. Chapman asked that the committee bring the Admission topic back to the table. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting

Probation & Suspension

- Mrs. Reed provided two examples
- The students couldn't get the rest of the student group on board with 2.0
- Members asked if the amount of hours that students on probation could register for be reduced from 15 to 12. Mrs. Reed stated that this had been discussed before but the University tries to keep to the 15 To Finish model, plus 15 hours gives them a cushion in case they need to drop a class
- Mr. Baker motioned to change the GPA to 1.8 for 30 hours or less and 2.0 for 30 hours or above, Dr. Cain seconded. Dr. Konhaus opposed. Motion passed.

Statement of Catalog Policy

- Mrs. Reed provided an updated document. She wanted to make this policy clearer for students and faculty
- Minors are attached to degree programs, so major/minor would have to be in the same catalog
- Students can move to a new catalog, but not back to an old catalog. They do not have to move to the newest catalog
- For students double-majoring, both majors can be in different catalogs
- Dr. Chapman and Dr. Keene had small grammatical changes
- Mr. Baker motioned to approve the policy with the grammatical changes included, Dr. Cain seconded. Motion passed

Disciplinary Notes on Transcripts

- Title IX is currently not on the list of disciplinary notes included on GSU transcripts
- The committee suggested changing wording to “and/or Title IX”
- Dr. Lang suggested providing document to Mrs. Helmick and Mrs. McEntire for input before committee takes a vote
- Dr. Chapman will provide update at the next meeting

Certificates

- Dr. Perkins asked why certificates had to be awarded with degrees
- Mrs. Reed stated that originally certificates were to be awarded to non-degree seeking students

Prior Learning Credit

- Mrs. Reed said that this topic could be dropped from agenda. It currently states “includes, but not limited to”, so other institutions could be added
- Topic will be removed from agenda

The Academic Policy Committee meeting will be 1/12/23 at 12:25 p.m.

Adjournment: Dr. Chapman adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

December 5, 2022